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AUSTIN SCOTT ARTICLE ENTITLED "CARTER WITHDRAWS FORD'S
NOMINATION OF DIPLOMAT TOON" EXCERPTED BELOW.

BEGIN: PRESIDENT CARTER YESTERDAY WITHDREW PRESIDENT FORD'S
NOMINATION OF CAREER DIPLOMAT MALCOLM TOON AS AMBASSADOR TO
SOVIET UNION, A POST TOON NOW OCCUPIES UNDER A TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT.

TOON WAS ONE OF 48 DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER NOMINATIONS BY FORD
THAT CARTER NOTIFIED SENATE HE WAS WITHDRAWING. MOST WERE
PATRONAGE PLUMS THAT FORD HANDED OUT TO MANY SUPPORTERS IN
FINAL DAYS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

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FORD'S DECISION TO SEND TOON TO MOSCOW WAS ANNOUNCED
24 NOVEMBER, AFTER ALMOST TWO MONTHS OF DISCREET DICKERING
WITH SOVIET UNION. ANALYSTS SAID UNUSUAL DELAY WAS PARTLY
BECAUSE OF TOON'S REPUTATION AS A HARDLINER.

WHITE HOUSE DID NOT SAY WHAT CARTER PLANS TO DO WITH TOON,

WHO WAS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL BEFORE HE TOOK MOSCOW POST.
ALSO WITHDRAWN WAS FORD'S CONTROVERSIAL NOMINATION OF
JACK B. OLSON AS AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS.

OLSON, A FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN, WORKED
HARD FOR FORD DURING LAST YEAR'S REPUBLICAN PRIMARY THERE.
WHEN FORD SENT HIS NAME TO SENATE IN SEPTEMBER, SENATE
TOOK NO ACTION, IN PART BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION LED BY
SENATOR JESSE HELMS (R.NC). OLSON WENT TO BAHAMAS IN
MID-DECEMBER UNDER A RECESS APPOINTMENT, WHICH DID NOT
REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION...

A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID CARTER MAY DECIDE TO RENOMI-
NATE SOME OF THEM, BUT WITHDRAWALS GIVE HIM OPTION OF
REPLACING THOSE HE CHOOSES TO. ... END EXCERPT.

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